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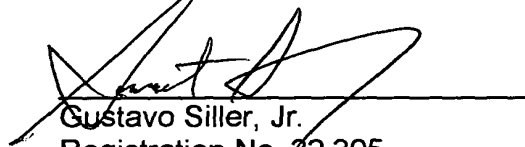
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 – A3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

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